EXHIBIT A





PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

SUPERIOR COURT

SUMMONS

	Civil Action File Number PC-2018-6833
Plaintiff Matthew Mccarthy	Attorney for the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff Paige A Munro-delotto
v. Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center	Address of the Plaintiff's Attorney or the Plaintiff 400 WESTMINSTER STREET STE 200 PROVIDENCE RI 02903
Licht Judicial Complex Providence/Bristol County 250 Benefit Street Providence RI 02903 (401) 222-3250	Address of the Defendant No Known Address

TO THE DEFENDANT, RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER:

The above-named Plaintiff has brought an action against you in said Superior Court in the county indicated above. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is listed above, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Your answer must also be filed with the court.

As provided in Rule 13(a) of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure, unless the relief demanded in the complaint is for damage arising out of your ownership, maintenance, operation, or control of a motor vehicle, or unless otherwise provided in Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any related claim which you may have against the Plaintiff, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

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I hereby certify that on the date below I served a copy of this Summons, complaint, Language Assistance Notice, and all other required documents received herewith upon the Defendant, RHODE ISLANT CONVENTION CENTER, by delivering or leaving said papers in the following manner:
☐ With the Defendant personally.
At the Defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein. Name of person of suitable age and discretion Address of dwelling house or usual place of abode
Age
☐ With an agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive service of process. Name of authorized agent
If the agent is one designated by statute to receive service, further notice as required by statute was given as noted below.
☐ With a guardian or conservator of the Defendant. Name of person and designation
☐ By delivering said papers to the attorney general or an assistant attorney general if serving the state.
☐ Upon a public corporation, body, or authority by delivering said papers to any officer, director, or manager.
Name of person and designation



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Upon a private corporation, domestic or foreign:
☐ By delivering said papers to an officer or a managing or general agent.
Name of person and designation
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

PROVIDENCE, SC.

SUPERIOR COURT

MATTHEW MCCARTHY, Plaintiff

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RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER,

Defendants

C.A. No.:

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiff Matthew McCarthy ("Mr. McCarthy or Plaintiff") and brings this action against Rhode Island Convention Center and David Krapf (collectively, "Defendants") to remedy and seek relief for Defendants' actions relating to unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability, in violation of the Federal laws and the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

PARTIES

- 1. Matthew McCarthy is a citizen of the State of Rhode Island, residing in Cranston, Rhode Island.
- Rhode Island Convention Center Authority is a domestic non-profit corporation located at 1 Sabin St., Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 8-2-14, as the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000.00.
- 4. Venue is proper in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-4-3.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

5. Plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination (RICHR #17 RPD 177) against Defendants with the

Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights ("Commission") on or about January 30, 2016.

6. After investigating Plaintiff's charge of discrimination, the Commission issued a probable cause

finding in favor of Plaintiff on or about June 7, 2018, declaring that the Commission had probable

cause to believe that Defendants had violated several state civil rights laws concerning disabled

persons.

7. The Commission issued Plaintiff a Notice of Right to Sue on or about June 29, 2018, in

accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 28-5-24.1(c) and this complaint was timely filed.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. Mr. McCarthy suffers from optic nerve damage and is fully blind in his left eye, as well as

equilibrium issues due to his blindness.

9. Mr. McCarthy's partial blindness makes it extremely difficult and dangerous for him to navigate

and traverse areas without assistance; his equilibrium issues further compound his visual

impairments by affecting his balance.

10. Accordingly, Mr. McCarthy requires the aid of a service dog to help him walk, navigate, and

have access to public facilities utilized by the rest of the public.

11. Mr. McCarthy's service dog is an American Staffordshire Terrier named BayBay.

12. The tasks performed by BayBay are directly related to Mr. McCarthy's disability.

13. In particular, BayBay aids Mr. McCarthy by performing tasks such as navigating paths,

sidewalks, ascending or descending stairs and inclines, and avoiding obstacles.

14. BayBay is also trained to help Mr. McCarthy get up in the event Mr. McCarthy falls.

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15. On or about January 17, 2016, Mr. McCarthy went to the Rhode Island Convention Center to

see a show with his service dog.

16. Mr. McCarthy went to the café within the RI Convention Center, which was serving free coffee.

17. Mr. McCarthy took a cup and was drinking it when a security guard, Mr. Krapf ("Head of

Security" - #5) approached Mr. McCarthy, stating to him that Mr. McCarthy needed to leave.

18. Mr. Krapf specifically pointed at Mr. McCarthy's service dog and told Mr. McCarthy he was not

going to let the dog into any show.

19. Mr. McCarthy told Mr. Krapf that was a violation the ADA.

20. Mr. Krapf responded, "I'm asking you to leave and you're not leaving. It's my building and I can

throw people out any time I want."

21. Mr. Krapf then called two other convention center security guards over and informed Mr.

McCarthy that the police were also coming.

22. Mr. Krapf called Mr. McCarthy a "homeless idiot" multiple times and began reiterating, "You

can't have that dog in here. You don't even have a leash for it."

23. Mr. McCarthy informed Mr. Krapf that the ADA does not require his service dog to be on a leash

because the dog had a lead and no leash was required as long as she is maintained control as she

was in this situation.

24. Mr. Krapf asked Mr. McCarthy what he was doing at the Convention Center and Mr. McCarthy

responded that he was about to buy a ticket for the show.

25. Mr. Krapf told Mr. McCarthy that he would not be allowed to bring his dog into the show no

matter what and the second security guard affirmed.

A lead is synonymous with a leash or tether but are generally shorter and formed of a single length of stiff rope or leather that uses a sliding knot or ring to stay affixed around the neck of the dog which assists service dog owners

who have vision and stability issues.

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26. Mr. Krapf told Mr. McCarthy there were other animals inside that might conflict with the dog.

27. Mr. McCarthy repeated that Mr. Kraph's and the security guard's actions were against the ADA.

28. But the security guards kept asking "where is her leash? Where is her vest?"

29. Mr. McCarthy informed the security guards that his dog did not need these items and Mr.

McCarthy was legally disabled.

30. Mr. Krapf radioed the police and told them that they wanted to take out a no trespass order

against Mr. McCarthy.

31. Mr. McCarthy had to leave without watching a show.

32. Mr. McCarthy filed a charge of discrimination filed a charge of discrimination with the

Commission on or about January 30, 2016 as a result of the incident and the continued

enforcement of the no trespass order.

33. After an investigation, the Commission found probable cause to believe that Defendants had

discriminated and continued to discriminate against Mr. McCarthy by refusing to provide him

reasonable accommodation and banning him from entering the store because of his disability,

which requires the assistance of a service dog.

34. The Commission issued Plaintiff a Notice of Right to Sue on or about June 29, 2018 accordance

with R.I. Gen. Laws § 28-5-24.1(c).

35. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful and discriminatory actions, Plaintiff

has suffered and will continue to suffer immediate and irreparable harm, for which there is no

adequate remedy at law.

36. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful and discriminatory actions, Plaintiff

has suffered and will continue to suffer emotional distress and mental anguish resulting in

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physical injury, loss of standing in the community, humiliation, and other damages. All damages

continue to date.

COUNT I - DECLARATORY RELIEF

37. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference all foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

38. An individual has a "disability" under federal and state law if the person has "a physical or

mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities" and has "a record

of such an impairment" or is "regarded as having such an impairment. 42 U.S.C. § 12102(1);

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-87-1(1).

39. Mr. McCarthy's partial blindness substantially limits at least one major life activity, such as

seeing, walking, and reading.

40. Mr. McCarthy's partial blindness has been documented by a physician.

41. Mr. McCarthy has otherwise been regarded as being partially blind and/or visually impaired.

42. Thus, Mr. McCarthy is a disabled individual under the ADA and Rhode Island law.

43. Because Mr. McCarthy is disabled individual, he is therefore entitled to the rights and protections

of federal and state law that provide for the reasonable accommodation of disabled persons and

prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability.

44. An animal is a "service animal" under federal and state law if the animal is "individually trained

to do work or perform work for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical,

sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability" and "examples of work or tasks

include ... assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other

tasks...." 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.

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45. Mr. McCarthy's partial blindness and/or visual impairment necessitates the assistance of a

service dog.

46. Mr. McCarthy's service dog, BayBay is individually trained to perform specific tasks for Mr.

McCarthy, such as assisting Mr. McCarthy navigate the area around him since his vision is

extremely impaired, as well as helping Mr. McCarthy to his feet in the event he falls due to his

equilibrium issues.

47. Mr. McCarthy employs the use of a lead² to both serve as a tether and also to serve as a guide,

so Mr. McCarthy can sense where to walk and when obstacles are present.

48. Mr. McCarthy maintains control over BayBay through the lead as well as through audible

commands.

49. BayBay is housebroken.

50. Thus, BayBay is a service animal under the ADA and Rhode Island law.

51. Because BayBay is a service animal, Mr. McCarthy is entitled to have BayBay accompany him

in virtually all public places.

52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Mr. McCarthy was harmed in the

manners incorporated by reference as stated herein.

53. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant relief as hereinafter set forth.

COUNT II - DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION

Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12181, et seq.

Equal Rights of Blind Persons to Public Facilities Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 40-9.1-1, et seq.;

Civil Rights of People with Disabilities Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-87-1, et seq.;

Hotels and Public Places Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 11-24-1, et seq.;

Rhode Island Civil Rights Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-112-1, et seq.

54. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference all foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

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leather that uses a sliding knot or ring to stay affixed around the neck of the dog.

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55. Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center is a place of public accommodation and thereby

subject to the provisions of Title III of the ADA as well as Rhode Island disability laws.

56. Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center is responsible for the acts and omissions of its

employees and agents, committed in violation of the ADA and Rhode Island law, under the

doctrine of respondeat superior.

57. Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center never inquired whether BayBay was required

because of a disability, or what work or task BayBay was trained to perform. See 28 C.F.R. §

35.136(f).

58. Instead, Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center simply refused service despite identification

of the service animal.

59. Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center did not permissibly exclude Mr. McCarthy under

the ADA or Rhode Island law, because BayBay was housebroken and was never out of control

See 28 C.F.R. § 35.136(b).

60. Alternatively, if BayBay was out of control, Mr. McCarthy promptly took effective action to

control her. See 28 C.F.R. § 35.136(b).

61. Even if Mr. McCarthy's service animal was properly excluded, Defendant Rhode Island

Convention Center failed to permit Mr. McCarthy the opportunity to enter and/or remain the

building without his service animal. See 28 C.F.R. § 35.136(c).

62. At no point did Mr. McCarthy pose a direct threat to the health and safety of others. See 42

U.S.C. § 12182(b)(3).

63. Mr. McCarthy's civil rights were violated and otherwise infringed upon as a direct and proximate

result of Defendant Rhode Island Convention Center's discriminatory conduct towards Mr.

McCarthy and his service dog.

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64. As a direct and proximate result, Mr. McCarthy was harmed in the manners incorporated by

reference as stated herein.

65. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant relief as hereinafter set forth.

COUNT III NEGLIGENT TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

66. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference all foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

67. Defendants owed Plaintiff McCarthy a duty of care to train their employees to understand the

requirements of the ADA and Rhode Island disability laws and supervise their employees to

ensure compliance with the ADA and Rhode Island disability laws.

68. Defendants breached their duty by failing to properly train their employees to understand the

requirements of the ADA and Rhode Island disability laws and supervise their employees to

ensure compliance with the ADA and Rhode Island disability laws.

69. Because Defendant's failed to provide adequate training and supervision, Defendant's employees

did not know the requirements of the ADA and/or Rhode Island disability laws and were

woefully unprepared to respond properly when Mr. McCarthy identified BayBay as his service

dog and requested a reasonable accommodation.

70. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to properly train and supervise their

employees, Mr. McCarthy and his service dog were ejected and trespassed from the Rhode Island

Convention Center before the transaction could be completed, not only violating Mr. McCarthy's

civil rights in the process, but also causing other damages stated herein.

71. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant relief as hereinafter set forth.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court find in favor of Plaintiff and enter judgement against Defendants on all Counts, and for all counts applicable:

- A. Declare that Mr. McCarthy is disabled within the meaning of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-87-(1) and 42 U.S.C. § 12102(1);
- B. Declare that BayBay is a service animal within the meaning of R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-9.1-1.1 and 28 C.F.R. § 35.136(f);
- C. Order that Defendants attend or implement mandatory disability discrimination training;
- D. Order that Defendants make Mr. McCarthy whole by awarding Mr. McCarthy compensatory damages to remedy:
 - a. Economic losses incurred by Mr. McCarthy;
 - b. Mental anguish, emotional pain, and humiliation suffered by Mr. McCarthy;
 - c. Violation of Mr. McCarthy's civil rights;
- E. Order that Defendants pay punitive damages for all violations of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-87-4 and 40-9.1-3(d);
- F. Award Mr. McCarthy attorney's fees and costs for all violations of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-87-4 and 40-9.1-3(d);
- G. Where allowable by law, order that Defendants pay post-judgment and pre-judgment interest, at the statutory judgment rate, for all damages from the date the cause of action accrued:
- H. Order, for all Counts, such other relief to Mr. McCarthy as this Court deems just and proper.

Filed: September 21, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Plaintiff Matthew McCarthy, By his attorney,

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MATTHEW MCCARTHY, Plaintiff

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RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER,

Defendants

C.A. No.: PC-2018-6833

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff Matthew McCarthy hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Filed: September 24, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Plaintiff Matthew McCarthy, By his attorney,

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Providence, RI 02903 250 Benefit Street Cuarto Piso, Oficina 401 A-B Licht Judicial Complex

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